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In re Application of:

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For: USE OF 13-HODE AS A REGULATOR  
OF VASCULAR BIOCOMPATIBILITY  
AND AN INHIBITOR OF CELL  
HYPERPLASIA

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2002.

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**AMENDMENT**

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claim 24.

Please amend claims 10, 12-23, and 25-26 as follows:

*B1* 10. (Amended) A method of preventing the inhibition of endogenous 13-HODE synthesis which may occur when omega-3 fatty acids are orally administered to a subject which comprises orally administering to the subject an omega-3 fatty acid formulation comprising 13-HODE.

*B2* 12. (Twice amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the omega-3 fatty acid formulation comprises EPA, DHA, a derivative of EPA, a derivative of DHA, or a combination thereof.